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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FEBRUARY 13 LETTER FROM SOUTH AFRICAN PERM REP TO SECRETARY-GENERAL, ATTACHING TEXT OF LETTER OF SAME DAY TO SYG FROM SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER. AT SOUTH AFRICAN REQUEST, LETTER HAS BEEN CIRCULATED AS SECURITY COUNCIL DOCUMENT (S/11980).

QUOTE LETTER DATED 13 FEBRUARY 1976 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO ATTACH THE TEXT OF A LETTER ADDRESSED TO YOU ON 13 FEBRUARY 1976, BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DR. THE HONOURABLE H. MULLER, ON THE QUESTION OF ANGOLAN REFUGEES.
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I SHOULD BE GLAD IF THIS LETTER COULD BE ISSUED AS A DOCUMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

(SIGNED) R. F. BOTHA
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

LETTER DATED 13 FEBRUARY 1976 FROM THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF SOUTH AFRICA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I REFER TO YOUR LETTER OF 11 FEBRUARY 1976 IN WHICH YOU RESPONDED TO MY LETTERS OF 22 JANUARY AND 6 FEBRUARY RELATING TO THE PROBLEM OF THE ANGOLAN REFUGEES.

AS I INDICATED IN MY EARLIER COMMUNICATION THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT CANNOT UNDERTAKE INDEFINITELY, AND WITHOUT ASSISTANCE, THE HUMANITARIAN TASK OF PROVIDING ALL NECESSARY SERVICES AND PROVISIONS.

IT IS, HOWEVER, NOTED THAT IT IS YOUR VIEW THAT THE UNITED NATIONS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO A REQUEST FROM SOUTH AFRICA FOR ASSISTANCE, SINCE THE CAMPS ARE SET UP IN ANGOLA. THIS IMPLIES THAT THE SOLE OBSTACLE TO UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE IS THE FACT THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAS ASSUMED THIS HUMANITARIAN TASK.

IT MUST THEREFORE BE ASSUMED THAT IF SOUTH AFRICA WERE TO CEASE THIS TASK THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD UNDERTAKE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS THESE REFUGEES. IN CONSEQUENCE SOUTH AFRICA WILL SERIOUSLY HAVE TO CONSIDER TERMINATING ITS ROLE IN THIS REGARD, AND IF IT SHOULD DO SO, PLEASE ADVISE URGENTLY WHETHER THE UNITED NATIONS WILL RENDER ALL THE SERVICES AT PRESENT RENDERED BY SOUTH AFRICA.

(SIGNED) H. MULLER
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNQUOTE
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